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§21-1124.1.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “9-1-1 system” has the meaning stated in § 1-301 of the Public Safety Article.
- (3) “Text messaging device” means a handheld device used to send a text message or an electronic message via a short message service, wireless telephone service, or electronic communication network.
- (b) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, an individual may not use a text messaging device to write, send, or read a text message or an electronic message while operating a motor vehicle in the travel portion of the roadway.
- (c) This section does not apply to the use of:
  - (1) A global positioning system; or
  - (2) A text messaging device to contact a 9-1-1 system.
- (d) (1) If the Administration receives satisfactory evidence that an individual who is under the age of 18 years has violated this section, the Administration:
  - (i) May suspend the individual’s driver’s license for not more than 90 days; and
  - (ii) May issue a restricted license for the period of suspension that is limited to driving a motor vehicle:
    - 1. In the course of the individual’s employment;
    - 2. For the purpose of driving to or from a place of employment; or
    - 3. For the purpose of driving to or from school.
- (2) An individual may request a hearing as provided for a suspension or revocation under Title 12, Subtitle 2 of this article.

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